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Mr. Holliday H. Obrecht II
USDI Fish & Wildlife Service
Patuxent Research Refuge
12100 Beech Fork Road
Laurel, MD 20708-4036

Dear Holly:

On June 15, 2006, I conducted an aerial detection survey for gypsy moth-caused tree defoliation at the Patuxent Research Refuge. I am pleased to report that no defoliation was detected at, or in the vicinity of, your site.

However, if you anticipate requesting financial or technical assistance for gypsy moth control in 2007, please contact Brad Onken (304) 285-1546 or me (304) 285-1555 before August 25, 2006.

Please contact me at the above number if you have any questions regarding this aerial survey or survey letter.

Sincerely,

RODNEY L. WHITEMAN
Forester
Forest Health Protection

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